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WORLD BRIEF

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1. BERLIN: THE COMMUNISTS VIEW AS "OFFICIAL" THE TALKS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST BERLIN NEGOTIATORS WHICH ACHIEVED THE AGREEMENT ON CHRISTMAS DAY AND CONSIDER THEM A BOOST TO MOSCOW'S "FREE CITY" PROPOSAL FOR WEST BERLIN. WILLY BRANT, ON THE OTHER HAND, REGARDS THEM AS ONLY "TECHNICAL" AND AS NO SETBACK TO HIS STATURE IN WEST GERMAN POLITICS.

2. YUGOSLAVIA: //TITO IS APPARENTLY NO LONGER DEEPLY INVOLVED IN ADMINISTRATION OF YUGOSLAV AFFAIRS. HE HAS EXHIBITED LACK OF KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF A NUMBER OF FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES AND HAS BEEN DIVESTING HIMSELF OF RESPONSIBILITIES. TWO RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT HIS FACULTIES HAVE DIMMED //

3. NORTH VIETNAM: HEAVY PROPAGANDA EMPHASIS ON THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM

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INDIA: A GROWING CONFIDENCE IN HANOI THAT INDUMENTS CAN SUSTAIN  
AND IMPROVE THEIR POSITION DESPITE DEBATING ON THE SOUTH VIET-

NAME: (CONF)

(REPORTED)

CHINA: COASTAL DEFENSE CRUISE-MINISLERS NOW ARE PART OF THE  
CHINESE AUXILIARY FORCES, REPORTEDLY. CHINESE INVOLV-  
EMENT IN THE SOVIET-DOMINATED AIR DEFENSE GROUP IS ALSO INCREASING.  
A SOVIET SO-1-CLASS SUNCHASER HAS ARRIVED IN CHINESE WATERS AND TWO  
OTHERS ARE PROBABLY EN ROUTE.

5. USSR: KHRUSHCHEV'S LONG-RANGE PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT OF  
THE SOVIET CHEMICAL INDUSTRY IS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY RETRENCHMENT  
IN OTHER PARTS OF THE ECONOMY DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS. HOUSING,  
CONSUMER SERVICES, AND SOME HEAVY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION ARE TO BE  
AFFECTED. AND IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE A SLOWING IN THE  
RATE AT WHICH MILITARY EXPENDITURES HAVE INCREASED SINCE 1960.

6. ITALY: DOUBTS ABOUT THE MORO GOVERNMENT'S VIABILITY HAVE  
SUBSIDED SOMEWHAT AS A RESULT OF STRONG VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IT  
RECEIVED ON 17 DEC. MORO'S AUTHORITY HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED BY HIS  
REFUSAL TO NAME ANY DEAL WITH LEOTTING OR ALLEGED TO CALL THEM

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SUPPORT ON THE CONFIDENCE VOTE. MORO'S POSITION IS FIRMER BECAUSE OF THIS AND BECAUSE OF THE VATICAN'S PRESSURE ON CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC RIGHTWINGERS NOT TO BREAK PARTY UNITY. (CONF)

7. CUBA: THE CASTRO REGIME SEEKS IMPACT ON CULTIVATING AFRICAN COUNTRIES AS WAY OF LESSENING ITS ISOLATION FROM THE FREE WORLD. AN EMBASSY IN TANGANYIKA INDICATES THIS. IN ADDITION, CUBA HAS, DURING THE PAST MONTH, EXPANDED CONTACTS WITH NINE COUNTRIES SOUTH OF THE SAHARA. THERE IS ALSO REASON TO SUSPECT AFRICANS GOING TO CUBA ON SCHOLARSHIPS ARE GETTING TRAINING IN GUERRILLA WARFARE TECHNIQUES.

8. UK: //BRITISH FOREIGN POLICY UNDER THE DOUGLAS-HOME GOVERNMENT INCREASINGLY FOCUSED ON KEEPING THE EAST-WEST DIALOGUE OPEN AND IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH WEST GERMANY. BOTH SIR ALEX AND FOREIGN SECRETARY BUTLER ESPECIALLY DETERMINED TO KEEP EXPLORING AREAS POSSIBLE AGREEMENT WITH MOSCOW -- A POLICY WHICH PAID OFF HANDSOMELY FOR CONSERVATIVES IN ELECTIONS OF 1955 AND 1959. MAIN OBJECTIVE -- BUTLER'S RECENT VISIT. ECNN WAS TO SOUND OUT GERMAN REACTION TO SUCH BRITISH INITIATIVES. //

9. BRITISH GUIANA: JAGAN AND HIS LIEUTENANTS HAVE BEEN ATTACKING

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THE UK AND US IS INCREASINGLY VITRIOLIC TERMS. HIS PARTY IS PARALYZED BY INTERNAL DIVISIONS AND IS UNDERTAKING WATCHER TO CONTEST THE PRE-IMPERIAL ELECTIONS SET FOR NEXT YEAR OR TRY TO BLOCK THEM BY REPORTING TO VIOLENCE. OPPOSITION PARTIES, MEANWHILE HAVE POCHE LITTLE TO COOPERATE AGAINST JAPAN BEYOND REACHING A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT NOT TO ATTACK EACH OTHER PUBLICLY.

10. FRANCE: PARIS IS TRYING TO PROMOTE TRADE WITH COMMUNIST CHINA BY ENCOURAGING PRIVATE FIRMS TO DEVELOP NEW MARKETS THERE. THERE ARE BUILT IN LIMITATIONS TO THE EXTENT THAT FRENCH-CHINESE TRADE CAN GROW, COMPLEMENTARY PRODUCTS ARE NEW, AND CREDIT PROBLEMS CONTINUE TO LIMIT PURCHASES BY CHINESE WHO SEEM PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN OBTAINING FRENCH TECHNICAL SKILLS. PARIS' INTEREST IN CHINESE TRADE AND EXPANDED CULTURAL CONTACTS WITH PEKING HAVE STIMULATED SPECULATION THAT SOME SORT OF DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION IS IN THE OFFING. THIS IS STOUTLY DENIED AT ALL LEVELS OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

11. FINLAND: FOR THE SECOND TIME IN FOUR MONTHS FINLAND IS GOING THROUGH A CABINET CRISIS BROUGHT ON BY DISAGREEMENT WITHIN THE RULING COALITION OVER DOMESTIC LEGISLATION. A NON-POLITICAL GOVERNMENT

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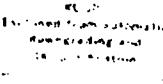
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ON CIVIL SERVANTS, HEADED BY ECONOMIST HEINO LEHTO, HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO SERVE UNTIL THE PRESENT CONTROVERSY IS RESOLVED. THE ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS SEEM LIMITED TO AGRARIAN MINORITY GOVERNMENT RECONSTITUTION OF AGRARIAN-DOMINATED COALITION OR AS A LAST RESORT GENERAL ELECTIONS. WHATEVER THE OUTCOME, PRESIDENT KIRKONEN DESIRE (CONTINUE) TO IMPROVE RELATIONS. MOSCOW CAME OUT AGAIN DURING HIS TRIP TO THE USSR.

12. SOUTH KOREA: PRESIDENT PAK CHONG-HUI'S DOMINATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY INAUGURATED ON 17 DEC UNDER SOUTH KOREA'S NEW CONSTITUTIONAL REGIME MAY TRANSFER POLITICAL INFIGHTING TO A NEW ARENA. THE CONTROVERSIAL FORMER SECURITY CHIEF KIM CHONG-PIL CONTROLS THE PARTY APPARATUS, AND HIS MANY ENEMIES ARE LIKELY TO TRY TO USE THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESSES TO TRY TO WREST POWER FROM HIM. PRESIDENT PAK STILL BACKS KIM, HOWEVER, AND THEY AND THEIR COHORTS WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE THE GOVERNMENT'S MAJOR DECISIONS. THE CABINET HEADED BY CHOE TU-SON APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN WITH A MIND TO BALANCING FACTIONAL AND SECTIONAL INTERESTS AND FOR AN ABILITY TO CARRY OUT, RATHER THAN FORMULATE POLICY. WITH ELECTIONS OVER, THE REGIME IS

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IN ASSY CONTACTS, THE EXILLS HAVE SENT EMISSARIES ABOARD TO SEIZE FUNDS AND ARMS. THEIR PLANS REPORTERLY INCLUDE ASSASSINATION OF LEOPOLDOVILLE LEADERS, AN "INVASION" OF THE CONGO, AND INSTIGATION A COUP BY THE CONGO ARMY. THE WEAKNESS OF THE LEOPOLDOVILLE REGIME, ESPECIALLY THE QUESTIONABLE RELIABILITY OF GENERAL MOBUTU'S ARMY, CLEARLY ENHANCES THE CNDL PROSPECTS. LAST MONTH MOBUTU AND SURETE CHIEF KENDAKA, THE REGIME'S TWO KEYTONES, WERE WAYLAYERED BY SOLDIERS AND NEARLY KILLED. STUDENT AGITATION MAY BECOME A FACTOR IN VIEW OF THE CLOSE CONNECTIONS TO STUDENT GROUPS OF TWO HIGH OFFICIALS RECENTLY OUSTED -- FOREIGN MINISTER MABIKA-KALANDA AND LONDON CHARGE THOMAS KANZA. IN THE REWEST DELIEPATIONS TOWARD WRITING A CONSTITUTION, PROVINCIAL VOICES DESCRIBING A LOOSE ARRANGEMENT APPEAR STRONGER. THOSE SUPPORTERS OF ADOUARE WISH FOR A STRONG CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. //

15. LAOS // KIGET-WING AND NEUTRALIST MILITARY FORCES, ENCOURAGED BY RECENT SUCCESSES IN CENTRAL AND NORTHERN LAOS, ARE CONSIDERING NEW INITIATIVES. THEY ARE PLANNING MOVES AIMED AT CAPTURING THE LAOS RESEIGED KIENG KIENG, AND, FURTHER SOUTH, OPERATIONS AGAINST COMMUNIST SUPPLY ROUTES FROM NORTHERN VIETNAM. COMMUNISTS REINFORCED IN

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HAVE RECAPTURED THE KEY ROAD JUNCTION OF LAK SAO, HOWEVER, AND RETAIN THE CAPABILITY TO MAKE SHARP COUNTERMOVES ELSEWHERE. THE CONTINUING MILITARY NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PATIENT LAO AND NEUTRALIST FACTIONS HAVE BEEN MARKED BY AGRIMONIOUS EXCHANGES, BUT THE PATIENT LAO HAVE EXPRESSED NEW INTEREST IN ARRANGING A MEETING BETWEEN THEIR CHIEF PAINTER SORPHANROUVONG AND PREMIER SOUVANNA PHOUVANH TO ARRANGE FOR FULL PATIENT LAO PARTICIPATION IN THE COALITION GOVERNMENT. COUP RUMORS, MOSTLY CENTERING ON PLANS BY RIGHT-WING MILITARY ELEMENTS ALLIED WITH THE SARANIKOME CLAN, CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE IN VIETNAM. //

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